



LINDY Spotlight

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In the Spotlight



Second grade students in Alyson Ferrey's class at Daniel Street Elementary School were recently exposed to new reading genres during a "Book Bakery," in which students were encouraged to try something new during independent reading.



Seventh grade English language learners at LindenHurst Middle School recently worked on scale drawing projects in their math class. Each student chose a different language in which to label their respective sea creatures. The projects were displayed proudly in the east hallway.



Members of the LindenHurst High School Paw Patrol club recently sold animal treats, including dog biscuits they baked using natural ingredients, as part of a fundraising effort benefiting local animal shelters. Approximately \$130 was raised to help animals in need.

Keeping the Community **INFORMED**

During the last two years, information regarding the COVID-19 virus and its impact on the manner in which schools could operate has changed with great frequency.

The district administration and Board of Education recognized the importance of being able to provide students, staff and parents with accurate information quickly and easily. As such, communication tools, such as ParentSquare, were put into place, allowing all members of the school community to remain informed with ease.

Similarly, the district worked diligently throughout the past year to redesign and establish a new district website so as to expand upon its goal of consistently providing accurate information to the school community with ease and expediency.

When you visit www.lindenhurstschools.org you will not only discover a new, vibrant and sleek appearance, but you will discover the addition of several sections included to simplify the user's search for information.

This edition of the Lindy Spotlight will



* This photo was taken on Jan. 25, 2022, when face coverings were made optional.

shine a light on those new elements and show you where they can be found on the district homepage.

You are encouraged to visit the site and familiarize yourselves with its offerings and new layout. Additionally, visitors should review and explore their respective school pages so as to become comfortable with how best to navigate and receive the information that is most pertinent to their students.

We hope that you find the new site to be not only visually appealing and informative but also user-friendly.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

With careful consideration of the community survey results and stakeholder input, the Board of Education is actively engaged in the search for the next superintendent of schools to lead the district in the years to come.

Having reviewed the résumés of interested candidates, the Board is now in the process of interviewing. Interviews will continue through several rounds and are expected to conclude no later than April 2022.

As outlined in the fall edition of the Lindy Spotlight, a final decision will be made by the Board of Education and announced no later than the May 2022 Board of Education meeting.

The Board of Education will continue to keep the community informed throughout the process.

FEATURES of the *NEW* Lindy

Website



Mobile responsive and user-friendly navigation.



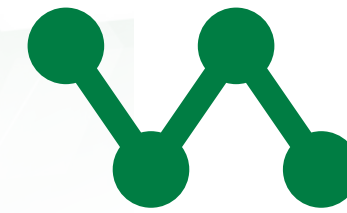
Expansive list of district and school news, as well as important announcements for our community.



Complete calendar of events with detailed information for each school.



A fully accessible website for those with visual impairments. The site is also compatible with Google Translate, for those who speak languages other than English.



A new, modern design that delivers important information.

What's *New*?

1

More user-friendly Quick Links to frequently used pages, including DASA complaint forms, the Parent Portal, PTA pages, School Lunch Program, Student Health Services and Technology Resources.

2

The homepage now contains an Our Schools section, featuring photos from each school. These serve as quick links to each school's homepage, where you can find school-specific information.

3

On the main navigation toolbar, we've added Resources and Department sections. Under Resources, you will find quick links to archived information, SCOPE, OWL Center and SEL information, as well as forms such as DASA complaints, FOIL requests and requests for paper report cards. In addition, this is where you'll find login links for ClassLink, Parent Portal and ParentSquare, among other helpful resources. Under Departments, you will find quick links to the various department pages.

4

The Resources section at the bottom of the homepage provides quick links to important resources for students and staff, as well as community and schools.



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In Their Own Words...

Visit the Library Media Specialists' webpage found in the Department section of the district website to learn more about the manner in which the district Library Media Center supports the instructional needs of its students, faculty and other members of the learning community. There you will also learn more about the district library media specialists. In their own words, you will find their favorite books to recommend. They include:

"The War That Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. "It shows that anyone can have courage and determination no matter what their life may look like or what life brings your way."

Theresa Del Orfano, Harding and West Gates elementary schools

"Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. "Although it may be an older book, I feel that it is one of the classics that when read can stay with a person forever."

Richard McBane, Albany and Alleghany Avenue elementary schools

"Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling. "I like to recommend it; I think it's a great fit for many age levels."

Kelly Ricotta, Lindenhurst High School

"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White. "It is a timeless, classic story that appeals to all ages."

Marisa Knoth, Daniel Street Elementary School

"Eleanor & Park" by Rainbow Rowell. "It is about two young people who always feel a bit on the outside but find a connection in one another."

Jennifer Kelly, Lindenhurst High School

"I Survived" series by Lauren Tarshis. "These are exciting historical fiction books based on true harrowing events that children of their age 'survived,' and ultimately portray how resilient we all can be in the face of very difficult circumstances."

Dorothy Farias, Harding and West Gates elementary schools

"I Am Enough" by Grace Byers. "This is a great story that teaches students to think positively and embrace diversity in the world."

Taylor Lynch, Albany Avenue and William Rall elementary schools

"Arc of a Scythe" series by Neal Shusterman. "The dystopian setting you find yourself in grabs the reader in almost immediately."

Kieran Coughlan, Lindenhurst Middle School